(a) the number of tugs in Cochin Port at present;

(b) the number of those which are operational;

(c) the number of tugs which are proposed to be replaced in future;

(d) whether there is any proposal to purchase new tugs for the Cochin Port; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINSTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) At present, there are four tugs at Cochin Port.

(b) All the four Tugs are operational.

(c) Out of four Tugs, two are proposed to replaced.

(d) and (e). It is proposed to procure two tugs in replacement of existing two tugs 'Bristow' and 'Shaktan'. Orders for these tugs have already been placed.

PROF. K.V. THOMAS: I am thankful to the hon. Minister for taking immediate action for giving the order to replace the old two tugs.

I would like to know from the hon. Minister when will the two tugs which are under manufacture, be commissioned and what will be the cost effect?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: I would like to inform the hon. Member that delivery period for the first tug is April 1993 and the second tug is July, 1993. He will also be happy to know that we are one month ahead of the schedule.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS: The hon. Minister visits Cochin port two times in a month. He has seen how potential is the Cochin port to compare with Colombo. I would like to know what modernisation steps the hon. Minister proposes to take in regard to Cochin port.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: We are developing container terminal. We have already relaxed cabotage law. In view of these two relaxations and with the new development, we expect to make this port competitive to the Colombo port.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[Translation]

Loans for Developmental Projects in Bihar

*250. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loans sanctioned by the Union Government to the Government of Bihar for developmental projects during 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) whether any complaints have been received that these loans have not been utilised properly; and

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) The loans Sanctioned by the Government of India to Bihar under various heads like Central assistance for State Plan, collection of Small Savings etc., are Rs. 948.83 crores during 1990-91 and Rs. 729.61 crores, so far, during 1991-92.

(b) Some complaints have been received regarding improper utilisation of development funds.

(c) Central assistance is given for the annual plan of the State in the form of loans and grants. The funds meant for development purposes in a State are subject to audit

by the Accountant General of the concerned State. According to Constitutional provision, the reports of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India relating to the accounts of a State are submitted to the Governor of the State, who causes them to be laid before the Legislature of the State. The State Legislature takes appropriate action in regard to improper utilisation of development funds, if any, in the State.

[*English*]

Exports to Japan

*251. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether export of manufactured goods to Japan has been showing an upward trend;

(b) if so, the details of the goods being exported at present;

(c) the foreign exchange earnings from export of such goods during the last two financial years; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to further promote the export of manufactured goods to Japan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. These include leather and manufactures, gem and jewellery, sports goods, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, rubber products, machinery and instruments, engineering items and textile items.

(c) As per DGCI&S's statistics, exports of manufactured goods i.e. goods other than agricultural and plantation products, minerals and ores have been as under:-

1989-90	*1989-90*	*1990-91*
		(In Rs. Crores)
	1489	1517

(d) Besides increasing the competitive strength of our industry through various policy measures, these include periodical review of bilateral trade, participation in international fairs in Japan, exchange of business delegations, market surveys and the like.

Expenditure of Coffee Board

*253. SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA:
SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of administrative expenditure of the Coffee Board during the last three years;

(b) whether there is a steady increase in the expenditure; and

(c) if so, the corrective measures proposed to be taken to minimise it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The amount of administrative expenditure of Coffee Board covering pay and allowances, travel, maintenance of vehicles and contingencies during the last 3 years is given below:-

Year	*Amount (Rs. in lakhs)*
1988-89	1,037.48
1989-90	1,120.59
1990-91	1,227.29

(b) There is increase in the administra-